

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Roger NITSCH et al

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For: METHODS OF DIAGNOSING OR TREATING ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE ON BASIS OF INCREASED CEREBROSPINAL FLUID
LEVELS OF NERVE GROWTH FACTOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-4, 6-11, 17 and 20-21 as follows:

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3. (amended) Use of the method according to claims 1 for
evaluating a treatment for Alzheimer's disease.
4. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein a level
of nerve growth factor ≥ 4 pg/ml in said cerebrospinal fluid
indicates a diagnosis, or prognosis, or increased risk of
Alzheimer's disease in said subject.
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